

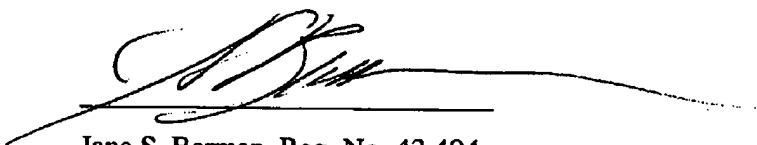
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REMARKS:

In making the amendments shown above, care has been taken to ensure that the claims remain supported by the specification and that no new matter has been introduced. In this Amendment, pending claims 1-5 have been amended and new claims 6-8 have been added. Support for the features set forth in new claim 6 are found in the specification at page 35. Support for the features set forth in new claims 7-8 are found in the specification at page 24.

CONCLUSION. It is submitted that the invention is presented in clear and concise patentable terms and the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt, favorable treatment of the application is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication, including any applicable fees for any necessary extension of time (hereby requested) for response, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. The Examiner is encouraged to call Robert J. Schneider at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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